

City Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 4, 2016
The Great Hall – City Hall
James R. McIntyre - Government Center
1305 Hancock Street

Regular Council Meeting
7:30 PM



The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Monday, April 4th at 7:33 pm in the Great Hall of City Hall with Council President Hughes presiding. Present were Councillor Cain, Councillor Croall, Councillor DiBona, Councillor Finn, Councillor Laforest, Councillor Liang and Councillor Palmucci. Christopher Walker was in attendance as administration representative.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Joseph Shea read the open meeting law

► 2016-90 - Update – Ward Six Councillor Update on Court Order and Compliance - President Hughes

City Clerk Joseph P. Shea read his letter to the City Council and Council Order regarding

Motion to move forward by Councillor Finn, Seconded by Councillor Palmucci

Councillor Palmucci addressed the Council and expressed his support on the City's position

Councillor Finn feels we need to support the judge's decision and in the future a home rule petition made be needed but in no way was the City's decision to challenge the ruling reflected a feeling towards Mr.

Harris

Councillor Liang thanked Councillor Finn for all his work in absence of a Ward 6 Councillor and also feels that a clear rule is needed

Councillor DiBona apologized to Mr. Harris and to the candidates who have started to campaign

President Hughes thanked Councillor Finn for his coverage of Ward 6 and acknowledges the candidates

Motion Passed by a 8-0 Roll Call Vote

William Harris was declared Ward Six City Councillor

► 2016-69 - Resolve - Seeking update on the status of the City's corrected FEMA maps - Councillor Laforest, Councillor Cain, Councillor Hughes

Joseph D. Shea from Woodard & Curran addressed the Council and reviewed the history of the process and current status of the maps. The latest update to the process is FEMA's response on March 28, 2016 to

40+ public comments by Quincy residents and letter about continuing towards holistic, singular corrected maps but no deadline was given. FEMA is also planning another map update in 2018 with a focus on rivers, brooks and streams. The City has proactively provided FEMA with a CD of technical data city-wide and input on the 2018 RiskMAP process.

Councillor Laforest thanked Mr. Shea for his continued work on this important issue, as well as thanking City Engineer Shawn Hardy and Inspectional Services Director Jay Duca but also voiced her frustration with FEMA, the process and the lack of support from FEMA.

Councillor Laforest would like to schedule a workshop to explain and assist residents on filling out LOMR Councillor Hughes questioned if the 2018 revisions will include coastal or just the brooks/rivers?

Mr. Shea stated that they will continue to proactively go out to FEMA but the information will come in from the USGS but they will be changing their methodology. Westwood and Walpole are also working proactively to address the 2018 mapping.

Councillor Croall asked for consent of the body to take out of order 2016-092

No objection by the Council

► 2016-92 - Appropriation - \$363,000 to Fire Safety Overtime - Mayor Koch

Chief Joseph Barron addressed the Council and explained the need for the additional funding including new Fire Fighter training coverage this past fall, Fire Fighters out on leave and keeping rescue truck in service

Councillor Croall provided the Council with a breakdown

Motion by Councillor Croall, Seconded by Councillor Cain

Councillor Laforest thanked Chief Barron on improvements to Engine 6

Councillor Palmucci is concerned on the amount and the increase means a 25% jump if you include the increase in the prior budget (\$587,000) and feels that more hires may be less expensive and with development in the city it may be the right time

Motion Passed by 8-0 Roll Call Vote

► 2016-91 - Appropriation - \$260,000 to City Leave Buy Back - Mayor Koch

Mark Cavanaugh addressed the Council and explained the need to the additional funding due to the number of retirees this year and the additional 7 expected to retire prior to the end of the fiscal year make up the additional funds needed

Mr. Cavanaugh stated that they can only plan for employees in Public Safety roles, other positions do not have mandatory retirement ages. The fund was moved several years ago to Finance and they have increased the funds amount to around \$450,000 and Buy Backs include vacation and sick time

Motion by Councillor Croall, Seconded by Councillor DiBona

Motion Passed by 8-0 Roll Call Vote Palmucci voted present

- ▶ 2016-93 - Appropriation - \$78,500 to Drain Personal Services - Mayor Koch
Mark Cavanaugh addressed the Council and explained the need to the additional funds for LIUNA Union payments
Councillor Hughes questioned
Motion by Councillor Finn, Seconded by Councillor Croall
Councillor Palmucci asked for more of an explanation
Auditor Susan OConnor explained that there was a court judgement and the HR office received an updated schedule and the previous bills were paid at the old rate and this is needed to bring up to current.
Motion Passed by 8-0 Roll Call Vote – Laforest left the room
- ▶ 2016-94 - Appropriation - \$2,750,000 for North Quincy High School Athletic Field Expansion Project - Mayor Koch
Councillor Croall waived the reading
Referred to Finance Committee
- ▶ 2016-95 - Appropriation - \$268,224 for Election Equipment - Mayor Koch
City Clerk Joe Shea addressed the need for New Voter Equipment and the decertified in 2008
Motion by Councillor Croall, Seconded by Councillor Cain
Councillor Palmucci questioned the availability of free cash and when it was certified – Auditor OConnor stated \$4,000,000 is available. Free Cash was certified in Dec 2015 and March 23, 2016 with a total of \$7,000,000, \$3,000,000 has already been spent thru appropriations approved by the Council and none has been used to pay down snow debt from 2015.
Chris Walker stated the Mayor will be introducing a Capital Plan
Motion Passed by 8-1 Roll Call Vote Councillor Palmucci voting No
- ▶ 2016-96 - Order - Creation of New City Council Committee – Public Buildings - President Hughes
President Hughes addressed the need for the Committee and Councillor Cain will be the Chairman
Motion by Councillor Cain, Seconded by Councillor DiBona
Motion Passed by 9-0 Roll Call Vote
- ▶ 2016-97 - Gift - \$100 from Body Extremes for D.A.R.E - Mayor Koch
Motion by Councillor Croall, Seconded by Councillor DiBona
Motion Passed by 9-0 Roll Call Vote
- ▶ 2016-98 - Resolve – Resolution urging MassDEP to reject Chapter 91 license application by Spectra Energy - Councillor Croall, Councillor Laforest
Councillor Croall waived the reading and expressed the opposition of the constituents abutting the area
Councillor Laforest addressed concerns of residents and the effects it will have on wildlife and habitat
Councillor Croall directed residents who would like to comment can until April 19, 2016
Councillor Palmucci commended Councillor Laforest and Councillor Croall on their hard work on behalf of Quincy residents as well as Weymouth Councillor Rebecca Haugh on her work

Motion by Councillor Croall, Seconded by Councillor Laforest
Motion Passed by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

Approval of Minutes from the March 21, 2016 Minutes
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Communications & Reports-

Traffics -

Ward 5 – Councillor Hughes**Add** – Handicap Parking at 92A Old Colony Ave
Above referred to Ordinance & Advertise

National Grid – 22 Mechanic St

Referred to Public Works Committee & Advertise

Public Works Commissioner Daniel Raymondi to find out when street was paved. Councillor Palmucci believes it was paved in last 2 years

Councillor Finn request that National Grid be formally notified that their attendance is necessary at all street openings

National Grid – Temple Street

Referred to Public Works Committee & Advertise

► Communication from City Clerk Joseph Shea regarding his retirement date of April 15, 2016 and recommends that Assistant City Clerk Nicole L. Crispo be appointed City Clerk

Unfinished Business

None

Reports of Committees -

Public Works Committee –

2016 – 062 – National Grid Electric – Cliveden Street

Councillor Finn addressed the lack of attendance at the Public Hearing on March 7, 2016 but future street opening may not be passed unless National Grid attends and addresses Council

Positive recommendation made by Public Works Chairman Councillor Finn

Motion made by Councillor Finn, Seconded by Councillor

Motion passed by a 8-1 roll call vote Palmucci - NO

Finance Committee –

- 2016 – 065 - Appropriation - \$6,908,000 for MWRA Infiltration & Inflow (I&I) Funding - Mayor Koch
Positive recommendation made by Finance Committee Chairman Councillor Croall
Motion made by Councillor Croall, Seconded by Councillor
Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote
- 2016 – 064 - Appropriation - \$90,000.00 City Solicitors office – Judgments Account - Mayor Koch
Solicitor Timmins addressed the Council and need for the funding and more specifically it is for settlements and this amount will carry through the remainder of the year.
Councillor Croall questioned if Settlements and Judgements should be separated in the upcoming budget
Solicitor Timmins stated that this will be something they propose in the upcoming budget
- Positive recommendation made by Finance Committee Chairman Councillor Croall
Motion made by Councillor Croall, Seconded by Councillor Cain
Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

Ordinance Committee –

- 2016 – 084 - **Add** – Handicap Parking at 179 Kendrick Avenue
Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Laforest
Motion made by Councillor Laforest, Seconded by Councillor Harris
Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote
- 2016 – 085 - **Add** – No Parking on West Side of Alton Road, from the driveway of #41 Alton Road to the driveway of #27 Alton Road
Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Laforest
Motion made by Councillor Laforest, Seconded by Councillor Croall
Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote
- 2016-086 - **Add** – Handicap Parking at 175 Safford Street
Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Laforest
Motion made by Councillor Laforest, Seconded by Councillor Cain
Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote
- 2016-087 - **Remove** – Handicap Parking at 21 Sagamore Ave
Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Laforest
Motion made by Councillor Laforest, Seconded by Councillor Cain

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

► 2016-088 - **Remove** – Handicap Parking at 59 Hollis Avenue

Positive recommendation made by Ordinance Committee Chairman Councillor Laforest

Motion made by Councillor Laforest, Seconded by Councillor Harris

Motion passed by a 9-0 roll call vote

Petitions, Memorial, Remonstrance –

Ward Six Councillor Williams Harris remembered Gertrude Innis 96

Ward Three Councillor Cain remembered John OConnell

Motions, Orders, Resolutions –

2016 - 102 - Resolve - North Quincy MBTA Parking Lot -Councillor Finn

Requests that the administration brief Ward Six City Councillor William P. Harris on the proposal as well as provide the City Council with a copy of the proposal and an update related to the North Quincy Red Line station parking lot proposal.

Motion by Councillor Finn, Seconded by Councillor Palmucci

Motion passed by a 9-0 Roll Call vote

Scheduling of Committee Meetings & Public Hearings –

Monday, April 25, 20166:30 PMPublic Hearing - 2016-77 - 2016-78

6:35 PMJoint Oversight Committee & Downtown Committee

2016-77 - 2016-78 Definition Update

7:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Thursday April 28, 20166:50 PMNational Grid - Mechanic Street

6:55 PMNational Grid – Temple Street

7:00 PMOversight Committee – Underground Economy

2016-15 & 2016-74 – Special Permit

Monday, May 2, 20166:30 PMFinance Committee – Teel Field & Bond Council

7:30 PMRegular Council Meeting

Monday, May 9, 20166:30 PMFinance Committee Meeting – Budget

Monday, May 16, 2016 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting - Budget

Thursday, June 1, 2016 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting - Budget

Adjournment at 10:01 PM